

Beaten by Cellarites, Lions Put in Order For New Talent

A hurry-up call to Bill (Pick) Hines, Canadian talent scout of the Washington Lions, to rush Winger Chirp Brechley and Defenseman Fraser Bowman across the border was sounded today by Coach Charley Good as he planned strategy for week-end matches with the tough Baltimore Blades.

Good, out of humor after last night's Uline melee in which the cellarite New York Rovers spoiled the Lions' chances of climbing into third place in the Eastern League by handing them a 5-to-3 licking, is on the prowl for talent from any direction.

The young coach hopes to have Brechley and Bowman in action for the Friday night match with Baltimore at Uline's and the Saturday night contest at Carlin's Park. Rod McLeod, newly acquired one-eyed winger of the Lions, made a satisfactory debut against the Rovers, but appeared handicapped by an eye shade with which he was not familiar. The speed merchant is having his familiar protective piece rushed from Canada.

The Lions held the edge only once last night, in the second period, when they outscored the Rovers, 1 to 0, after New York had taken a 2-to-1 first-period command.

Al Smith fired the brace of Lion goals that created a deadlock going into the final period when Hank Damore, Harry Groves and Harry Bell fired three goals to give the Rovers the decision. Only seconds remained and the Rovers were skating leisurely when Washington's Jack McIntyre caged the final point.

Caps Top Hockey Loop By Success at Home

By the Associated Press.

The Indianapolis Caps are just about invincible on their home ice in the American Hockey League. Unbeaten in 15 games played at home this season the Caps racked up their 10th win on the Indianapolis rink when they shaded the last-place St. Louis Flyers last night, 2-1. They tied the remaining five hits. Red hot now, the leaders in the Western division have won five of their last seven games, tied the other two.

Indianapolis now is eight points ahead of Cleveland and Pittsburgh, tied for second place. Ronnie Hudson, St. Louis wingman, suffered a broken jaw in a second-period collision, while Hap Emms, coach of the flyers, was fined \$50 for arguing with Referee Noral Fitzgerald.

Edwards, Former A. L. Press Chief, Injured

By the Associated Press.

EVANSTON, Ill., Dec. 27.—Henry P. Edwards, for 14 years manager of the American League Baseball Service Bureau and a former Cleveland sports writer, is spending the holidays in St. Francis Hospital, recovering from a fractured kneecap. Edwards, who retired in 1942 as the league's publicity director, received injuries when he fell on an icy street near his home. Hospital attendants said his condition is not serious.

Gallaudet Five to Play Marines at Quantico

Gallaudet College's courtmen, victors over Maryland last week by a 27-26 count, will try to add to their string of victories tomorrow night at Quantico, Va., where they meet the Marines.

It will be the Blues' only tune-up before their next Mason-Dixon Conference test against American University, a week from Friday at Roosevelt High School gym.

Only G. W., W. and L. Out of Court Loop

By the Associated Press.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 27.—Conditions have returned almost to normal in Southern Conference basketball this season. All 16 members except George Washington and Washington and Lee have teams. Last winter only eight teams played representative schedules.

Boys Get Football, Donor Gets Spuds

By the Associated Press.

TWIN FALLS, Idaho, Dec. 27.—A football, autographed by 33 members of the Notre Dame football team, was under the Christmas tree at the Theodore J. Goeckner home. And in return, the university at South Bend, Ind., had a 100-pound sack of Idaho potatoes.

The football was for Mrs. Goeckner's three boys, Larry, 9, Bob, 7, and Patrick, 2. She explained to a Notre Dame purchasing agent that footballs were hard to get in Idaho. And the agent confided there was a shortage at school of Idaho's famed potatoes.

Fights Last Night

By the Associated Press.

BROOKLYN—Maxie Berger, 148½, Montreal, outpointed Ernie "Cat" Bob Jones, 149½, Jamaica, N. Y., R. Conliffe, 150½, New York City, 151½, T.K.O. Charlie Jones, 164, New York City, 152½, Jersey City, 153½, Lou Jones, 160½, Port Chester, N. Y., 154½, Arlie Tedesco, 154½, Jersey City, outpointed Jackie Connors, 143, New York City, 155½, NEWARK, N. J.—Frankie Leto, 132½, Irvington, N. J., outpointed Clint Miller, 133½, Elizabeth, N. J., 134½, 135½, West Haven, Conn., outpointed Joe Grillo, 137½, Newark, N. J., NEW BEDFORD, Mass.—Ted Lowry, 130, New Bedford and Camp Mackall, 131, C. outpointed Jimmy Reed, 132, Trenton, N. J., 133, Al Pine, 153, New Bedford, outpointed Bobby Snow, 151, Waterbury, Conn., 152, CHICAGO—Chas. Parham, 148, Milwaukee, T.K.O. Tommy James, 147½, Chicago, 149, Ray Ruffery, 149, Milwaukee, T.K.O. Benton Cobbins, 150, Cincinnati, 2.

Woman Bowling Aces to Clash In Prelude to Star Tourney

By BEN McALWEE.

Four of the Capital's ace woman duckpinners will clash in a doubles match as part of the big Bowlers' Victory Legion and to be staged Friday night at Convention Hall as a prelude to The Star's 17th annual tournament which opens next Tuesday and will continue for three weeks at all Metropolitan Washington maple plants.

The added sparkler to the men's team match which will bring together the Bill Wood and Clarendon Bowling Center All-Stars will see Lorraine Gull, queen of the Nation's fair duckpin rollers pairing with Bing Moen, listed No. 6 in the national ratings, against Frances Wilson, who sports the No. 4 spot and Madge Lewis, two season's ago the No. 5 ranking woman duckpin bowler of the country.

All Four Going Strong.

All four are pounding the maples to a fare ye well in league and special competition and to topnotch battle is forecast. Miss Gull, seeking her eighth No. 1 national ranking, bids fair to establish an all-time record average in the Washington Ladies' League and at her present pace of 121-23 for 45 games is only seven pins ahead of the national mark held by Ida Simmons of Norfolk.

Miss Moen, her Hi-Skor teammate, only recently with a 182 game, which included a quadruple strike in the Meyer Davis event, gave another striking example of ability to reach her peak in special competition.

All season Miss Gull, Miss Wilson and Mrs. Lewis have been alternating at the top of the Ladies' District League.

Spearheaded in the pennant bid of the King Pin team, Mrs. Lewis, besides boasting a season record set of 430, which, incidentally, is the second highest ever rolled in the loop, also is the leading strike maker with 40 in 45 games.

The match between the four fair stars will precede the men's team skirmish, starting at 7:30.

Star Tourney Simplified.

The Star tournament, a full handicap affair open only to league bowlers, with a scratch of 128 for men and 118 for women, looms a "natural" for all. Simplified to extreme this time by the counting of league games only it also spares the contestant from having to compete on unfamiliar drives in a roll-off.

Starting Tuesday a bowler may compete as many times as he or she rolls in a league during the three-week period, each time paying a \$1 entrance fee.

Twenty-five cents of each dollar will go to the Bowlers' Victory Legion which is raising \$100,000 among the country's bowlers to purchase sports and recreation equipment for the United States armed forces overseas.

Yesterday, His Darby Diplomat, well ridden by Andy Lo Turco, captured the Caddo Purse and paid \$13.80 for \$2.

Although racing is to shut down nationally after January 3, Mrs. Tilyou Christopher claimed the juvenile filly Valetta for \$2,500 out of the fourth race at Tropical yesterday.

Jockey D. Madden turned in a double at New Orleans with Blue Cross, \$8, in the third and Little Flyer, \$3.80, in the fifth.

Trainers of harness horses at Pinehurst, N. C., said yesterday they would continue their pacers and trotters in training with the hope that the situation may change before the scheduled running of the 1945 Hambletonian in August.

Al Wellman, whose Many Lands won the Christmas Day feature at New Orleans at odds of \$57.40 to \$2, won the featured race at the Fair Grounds for the second straight day.

Young Pilots Three Winners, Including 109-1, 76-1 Shots

By the Associated Press.

Sterling Young, president of the Jockey Guild, rode a triple at Tropical Park yesterday, delighting long-shot players with a 109-to-1 and a 76-to-1 hazard after winning earlier on a comparatively modest 4-to-1 risk.

The 109-to-1 shot was Doodenough, which closed fast in the featured Black River Purse to nose out Broad Grin. The payoff was \$219.20 for \$2. In the very next race Young was up on Smoke Puff, \$154.70. Earlier he had won with Good Show, \$10.40, after Alnorad, ridden by Eddie Arcaro, was disqualified.

Catholic Bowling Loop Holds Two Tourneys

By the Associated Press.

The second annual St. Peter's Sweepstakes, for members of the seven St. Peter's teams in the Catholic Bowling League, will be held tonight at the Greenway starting at 7:30 o'clock.

Tomorrow night the annual Catholic League doubles tournament will be held at the Greenway, starting at 7:30. Defending champions are Ed Fitzgerald and Lou Mullen.

Basket Results

By the Associated Press.

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Maryland Has Flashy Ring Squad, Headed By Four Veterans

Paddy Kane, a veteran of 22 years as a boxing coach, has rounded up a topnotch crew of leather-throwers at the University of Maryland that includes four returning regulars, and predicts a successful seven-meet campaign in 1945.

The Maryland boxers open up with a tough one when they tangle with Army on January 13 as part of a basket ball-boxing double bill with the Terp courtmen meeting Virginia Military Institute.

Coch Kane will be banking on Veterans Frank Doory, light heavyweight; Bill Coakley, featherweight; Alex Bobenko, welterweight, and Sid Sternman, middleweight, to get the season off to a hot start. Last year the Old Liners broke even on a six-match schedule.

On January 20, the Terps box the Coast Guard Academy while the basketers take on Delaware, and the third double-header will be staged on January 27 with the hoopsters playing Hampden-Sydney and the boxers meeting North Carolina. After a match on February 2 at North Carolina Preflight, the boxers come here for a return meeting on February 10 while the quintet entertains Virginia.

Final two boxing matches will be on the road, at Penn State on February 17 and at Army on February 24.

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Sports Mirror

By the Associated Press.

Today a year ago—Phil Terranova, 123½, retained NBA featherweight title by knocking out Angelo Callura, 128, in sixth round at New Orleans.

Three years ago—South beat North, 16-0, in fourth annual Blue-Gray football game at Montgomery, Ala.

Five years ago—Milt Aaron, 150, knocked out Fritz Zivic, 146½, in eighth round of Chicago fight.

Ten years ago—Eighty per cent of members of American Football Coaches' Association favored no drastic change in grid rules for 1935.

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Chief Little Wolf Now Using Mat Tricks Against Germans

By the Associated Press.

IN GERMANY (Delayed).—Chief Little Wolf has been pretty busy. But he still likes to wrestle. Officially he's listed as Pvt. Earl Cluckey of Minneapolis. But the Chief is the same guy who man-handled the heavyweights on the big-time mat back in the prewar days.

He's busy tangling with Jerry now, but in the past he has tried the tumbles with such top-notchers as Ray Steele, Rudy and Emil Dusek, Bronko Nagurski and Maurice Thillet, the French "Angel."

A full-blooded Indian from North Minnesota's White Earth Reservation, the Chief is a mortarman in the 39th Infantry Division and has been through the thick of the fighting in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany.

He's a pretty handy man to have around, too. When things get too hot, the Chief is known to pick up a 156-pound mortar, plus the ammunition, and move it quickly to another place.

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